

REMARKS

Applicants will address each of the Examiner's objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Final Rejection.

Claim Objections

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner objects to Claim 1 for an informality therein. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to correct the informality therein so that the claim now recites "A light emitting apparatus having at least one light emitting element over an insulator, the light emitting element comprising:". ¹ It is respectfully submitted that the claim is no longer informal, and it is requested that this objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 1-4, 13-16, 18, 30-37, 39-42 and 44-47

The Examiner also rejects Claims 1-4, 13-16, 18, 30-37, 39-42 and 44-47 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanabe et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner states that "...Tanabe shows in figures 6 and 8, a light emitting element comprising a first electrode (22) having at least a first edge (bottom) and a second edge (top)..." on page 3. It is not clear as to what "edge" the Examiner is referring to. Is it the edge vertical to the paper face? Is it the edge parallel to the paper face in Fig. 6 of the reference? Or is the Examiner referring to some other edge? Further clarification from the Examiner is requested.

¹ The other independent claims have been similarly amended so that there is no future objection to the other claims for this alleged informality.

Additionally, while Applicants traverse this rejection to the extent it is understood, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to recite that a luminescent material is interposed between the anode and the cathode, and between the cathode and the insulating film. This feature is shown, for example in Figs. 1B, 1C, and on page 6 of the specification of the present application.

Applicants have also amended independent Claims 13, 34, 39 and 44 to recite that each of the first edge and the second edge of the anode extends along a first direction, which is the same as the anode. This is supported, for example, by Fig. 1A of the present application.

Applicants respectfully submit that Tanabe fails to disclose or suggest these features. Therefore, the rejected claims of the present application are patentable thereover, and it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 38, 43 and 48

The Examiner also rejects Claims 38, 43 and 48 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanabe in view of Kim et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Each of these claims is a dependent claim. Therefore, these dependent claims are patentable over the cited references for at least the reasons discussed above for the independent claims. Accordingly, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants are also adding new Claims 49-58 herewith. Please charge our deposit account 509/1039 for any fee due for these new claims.

Conclusion

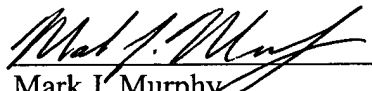
It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in a condition for allowance, and it is requested that it be allowed.

If any further fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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